

MONTANA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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Bill H 583 S _____

Original bill & history ☒ c

H. Committee on Labor & Emp Rel.

Hearing Date(s) referred to _____ c

Local Gov. _____ c

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2-19 ☒ c

Date Out _____ c

S. Committee on Local Gov

Hearing Date(s) 3-18 ☒ c

3-19 ☒ c

3-20 ☒ c

_____ c

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Did this bill originate in an interim committee? _____ Yes _____ No

Committee _____

Report _____

1 *House* BILL NO. *583*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Raymond L. Lister* *Manuel Yndurain*
 3 *Gwynn* *Helmbrecht* *John E. Ellison* *Teen*
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION
 5 41-1121, R.C.M. 1947, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
 6 TEN HOUR WORK DAYS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF REGULAR COUNTY ROAD
 7 AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENTS."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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 11 read as follows:
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 13 governments, mines, mills, smelters. A period of eight hours
 14 shall constitute a day's work in all works and undertakings
 15 carried on or aided by any municipal, county, or state
 16 government, first class school districts, and on all
 17 contracts let by them, and for all janitors, except in
 18 courthouses of sixth and seventh class counties, engineers,
 19 firemen, caretakers, custodians and laborers employed in or
 20 about any buildings, works, or grounds used or occupied for
 21 any purpose by any municipal, county, or state governments,
 22 school districts of first class, and in mills and smelters
 23 for the treatment of ores, and in underground mines, and in
 24 the washing, reducing and treatment of coal; except in cases
 25 of emergency when life or property are in imminent danger.

1 Provided, that for fire fighters in cities of the first and
 2 second class, a work week shall be a period of a maximum of
 3 forty hours during a five day week. In counties where
 4 regular road and bridge departments are maintained, the
 5 county commissioners may, with the approval of the employees
 6 or their duly constituted representative, establish a forty
 7 (40) hour work week consisting of four (4) consecutive ten
 8 (10) hour days."

-End-

INTRODUCED BILL

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HB 583

1975
house

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

44 Legislature

Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 583	An Act To Amend Section 41-1121, R.C.M. 1947, To Provide For the Establishment of Ten Hour Work Days for the Employees of....	2-12-75	Aageson	2-19-75	2-19-75 DO PASS AS AMENDED	2-19-75
SB 30	An Act Requiring the Attorney General to Give Written Opinions to the Governing Body of any City or Town	2-12-75	Drake			
SB 68	An Act to Amend Section 16-910, R.C.M. 1947, To Allow the Governing Body of the County to Meet	2-13-75	Galt	2-12-75	2-17-75 AS SO AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	2-17-75
SB 133	An Act Amending Section 11-2023, R.C.M. 1947, To Delete The Language That Prohibits A Retired	2-14-75	Roberts	2-24-75	2-24-75 DO PASS	2-24-75
SB 239	An Act to Delete the Township Territorial Limits on Constables; to Require the Board of County Commissioners	2-19-75	Greely	~~2-26-75~~ 3-5-75	3-5-75 BE CONCURRED IN	3-5-75
SB 194	An Act to Allow the Creation of a Library Depreciation Reserve Fund for City Government.	2-21-75	Warden	~~2-26-75~~ 3-5-75	3-5-75 BE CONCURRED IN	3-5-75

February 19, 1975
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman Gerke. The secretary called roll; Representative Marks and Representative O'Connell were excused. All of the other members were present.

House Bill 583: Representative Aageson, chief sponsor, said the bill is very simple and self-explanatory. The amendment allows for the county road and bridge crews to work four, ten hour work days. It gives flexibility, a cost savings as a great deal of time is spent traveling to and from job, and amounts to fuel savings and wear and tear on vehicles. Allows the county commissioners and employees to decide the most suitable work hours.

Mr. Dean Zinnecker, Executive Director of the Montana Association of Counties, proponent, explained it gave flexibility in manpower planning and is strictly optional not mandatory.

The following employees from Hill County were in support of House Bill 583: Mr. Marvin Kleingan, Road Supervisor; Mr. Greg Thackeray, Mr. Harry Atchison, and Mr. Gerry Chamberlain. A petition from the employees of Hill County was presented to the committee.

There were no opponents.

The committee went into executive session to take action on the following:

House Bill 585: Representative Gwynn, Chairman of the subcommittee on House Bill 585, reported the subcommittee recommends a do not pass. They thought the bill has merit but were concerned about the money that would be appropriated and thought the money could be put to better use. It was moved by Representative Gwynn, seconded by Representative Magone, that the subcommittee's report be adopted. After a brief discussion, question was called. Motion carried. Those voting NO were: Representative Sloan, Representative South, and Representative Palmer. It was moved by Representative Asher, seconded by Representative Wyrick, that House Bill 585 DO NOT PASS. Question was called. Motion carried. Those voting NO were: Representative Sloan, Representative South and Representative Palmer. Representative Marks and Representative O'Connell were excused.

House Bill 583: It was moved by Representative Gwynn, seconded by Kummerfeldt, that House Bill 583 DO PASS. After brief discussion it was moved by Representative Bertelsen, seconded by Representative Robbins, to amend House Bill 583 on page 2, section 1, line 7, by deleting the word "consecutive". Question was called. Motion carried. Those voting YES were: Representative Asher, Representative Bertelsen, Representative Kummerfeldt, Representative Robbins, Representative Sivertsen, Representative Sloan and Representative Wyrick. Those voting NO were: Representative Gwynn, Representative Magone, Representative Palmer, Representative South, Representative Kendall, and Representative Gerke. Representative Marks and Representative O'Connell were excused. Motion carried. It was moved by Representative Robbins, seconded by Representative Palmer, that House Bill 583 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Question was called. Motion carried. Representative Magone voted NO.

NAME

James P. ...

Bill No.

400

ADDRESS

1111 ...

Date

2-17-11

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

At ... of ...

SUPPORT

 ✓

OPPOSE

AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

NAME Harmon H. Simpson Bill No. 56

ADDRESS Harmon H. Simpson Date 2-17-56

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? all county

SUPPORT X OPPOSE AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

NAME Greg Thackeray Bill No. 583
ADDRESS Simpson Pl - House Mount Date 2/19/75
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Hill County Road Employees
SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

NAME

Harry Johnson

Bill No. 583

ADDRESS

331-27th Ave Apt 59501

Date 3/19/71

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

Will County Rd 4 Bridge Dept

SUPPORT

X

OPPOSE

AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

NAME

Irving Kambela

Bill No. 585

ADDRESS

Box 31 Simpson Pte

Date 3-19-76

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

Hill county employees

SUPPORT

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OPPOSE

AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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March 12, 1970

The forty-second meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman Romney on the above date in Room 410 of the Capitol at 11:10 A.M.

ROLL CALL: All members were present. Senator Watt was excused. Senator Thiessen came in at 11:30 A.M. and left again at 12:05 P.M.

The following witnesses were present to testify at the meeting:

Representative Ageson, sponsor of HB 583
Dean Zinnecker, Montana Association of Counties
Greg Thackeray, Hill County Road Employees
Marvin Kleinjan, Havre, Mt., Hill County Road Crew
Duane Schnittgen, Blaine County Road Employees
Robert Aitken, Liberty County Road Crew
Harry Atchison, Hill County Road Crew
G. L. Hammond, AFSCME, AFL-CIO
Representative Hubing, sponsor of HB 635
John P. North, Attorney General's Office

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 583: Representative Ageson explained that his bill would allow a 40-hour work week based on four 10-hour days. He emphasized the fact that this was permissive legislation that wouldn't cost the state any money and would be strictly up to the county commissioners and the county employees of each county to decide for themselves. He thought there were some good reasons for passing the bill, i.e. savings on fuel, savings on equipment life, and convenience to the employees who need time to take care of personal business within the regular business week. Dean Zinnecker supported this testimony and introduced several employees of road crews to offer further testimony. Greg Thackeray of Hill County offered a petition supporting the bill on behalf of the county road and bridge crew of Hill County. (Exhibit A) Marvin Kleinjan, also of Hill County road and bridge crew, spoke in further support. Duane Schnittgen, Blaine County road and bridge crew, offered another petition for record. (Exhibit B) Robert Aitken from the Hill County road and bridge crew offered still another petition. (Exhibit C). Mr. Harry Atchison spoke in support of this bill as a member of the Hill County road and bridge crew.

G. L. Hammond, representing the AFSCME and AFL-CIO read a statement of opposition. (Exhibit D)

The Committee questioned the witnesses.

POLL CALL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

44th LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1975

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SENATE Local Government COMMITTEE

BILL

VISITORS' REGISTER

DATE 5/15/75

[illegible]

NAME: Greg [unclear] DATE: 3-18-58

ADDRESS: Superior St. - [unclear] - [unclear]

PHONE: 265-9854

REPRESENTING WHOM? Local County Road Employees

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HR 583

DO YOU: SUPPORT? YES AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, PRESENT THIS PETITION ON BEHALF OF 'HB 583', WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK FOR EMPLOYEES OF REGULAR COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENTS.

THE SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SIGNIFY THE SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND URGE FOR ITS PASSAGE IN THE MONTANA STATE SENATE.

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY
Vic Verdundler	Shamba Rt	Haure Mont
Bruce T. Mangel	Rocky Bay Rt.	Box Elder Mont
Ogilvie Ghislin	Box 1334 Haure	Haure Mont.
Wm. Wendland	844 5th St	Haure
Jamie Dungey	Rocky Bay Rt	Box Elder, Mont
Jon Fisk	130 8th St	Haure
James Thompson	Box 224 Simpson Rd.	Haure
Maude Dungey	1532 First St.	Haure
Wm. Thompson	Simpson Rd	Haure
Robert Kishner	Star Rt	Haure
Delbert Mabe	614 11th	Haure
Earl R. Lynch	P.O. Box 1040	Haure
Ray Smith	432 1st Ave	Haure
Nancy Adams	321-11th	Haure Mont.
Wilbur Earl	1195 Bryant Ave	HAURE MONTANA
Stanley Thompson	Box 1143	Haure, Montana
Maurice Klugin	Box 117 Star Rd 36	Haure, Montana
Wendell Chabrier	Box 191	Haure, Montana
Ray Chabrier	Box 122	Haure, Montana
Art Spiller	Box 533	Haure, Montana
Robert J. Connor	Box 785	Haure, Montana
Wm. E. Fisher	10 West Road	Haure, Mont.
Howard Earl	Shamba Rd	HAURE, MONT

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NAMR	ADDRESS	CITY
Robert O. Roush	808 13th St.	Haar, Md.
William L. Lorch	24 Saddle Creek	Haar
James Roush	808 13th St.	"
James F. Taylor	1029 4th Ave	"
John L. Taylor	1000 2nd Ave	Haar
James F. Taylor	32 Taylor St	Haar
Benjamin J. Harold	925 13th	Haar, Md.
W. M. Harman	1105 2nd St	"
C. Bruce McManis	19 Cedar Drive	Haar Mt.
Robert L. Lorch	73 Cedar Drive	Haar Mt.
Richard L. Lorch	5 Beaver Creek	Haar, Md.
Charles L. Lorch	111 Saddle Creek	Haar, Md.
Judith E. Miller	916 13th Street	Haar, Md.
Raymond J. Miller	1000 13th St	Haar, Md.
John C. Lorch	State St 36 Box 223	Haar, Md.
James W. Lorch	4 Spruce Dr.	Haar, Md.
Harold Lorch	1000 Cedar Dr.	Haar, Md.
Raymond Lorch	State St 36	Haar, Md.
Bruce L. Lorch	Haar, Md.	Haar, Md.
Robert L. Lorch	923 4th Ave	Haar, Md.
John L. Lorch	330 14th Ave	Haar, Md.

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY
Maize Dineen	916 15 th Street	Liberty, Mont.
Myrtle Lauer	439 16 St	Liberty
John Lauer	1459 16 th St	Liberty, Montana
Mary A. Mayhew	819 5 th St	Liberty, Montana
Virginia Wilburn	1531 3 rd St	Liberty, Mont
Chad Lauer	216 5 th St	Liberty, Mont
Gertrude Davenport	Holland apt.	Liberty, mt
Jim J. Plunkett	614 5 th St.	Liberty, Mont.
Walter Lauer	1324 7 th St	Liberty, Mont
John Lauer	201 7 th St	Liberty, Mont.
Mark Lauer	1111 16 St	Liberty, Mont.
Quinn Lauer	Box 1675	Liberty, Montana

NAME: Maurice H. Higgins DATE: 5-18-75

ADDRESS: Hawke, Montana

PHONE: 265-5083

REPRESENTING WHOM? Hell County

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Hawke Bill 583

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: All employees of the Hell County

Board & Bridge Dept are in favor and

support the bill.

NAME: Lucas Williamson DATE: 3-18-75

ADDRESS: Rte 1 Chinook

PHONE: 357-4130

REPRESENTING WHOM? Blaine County

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: House Bill 583

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: We took a vote on this Bill and

with 17 Employees attending. All 17 voted

for Bill 583.

PETITION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 583

We, the following employees of Blaine County, Montana, support House
Bill 583.

Jack Smith
Alvin Mottel
Ray Friesel
John Mottel
Lloyd A. Mottel
Harlan S. Morgan
Chas. Jacobson
Donald Hallus
John Schilling
Thomas S. Fournier
Richard Edgington
H. Duane Schultgen

NAME: Robert L. D. Brown DATE: 11/10/78

ADDRESS: Whitaker

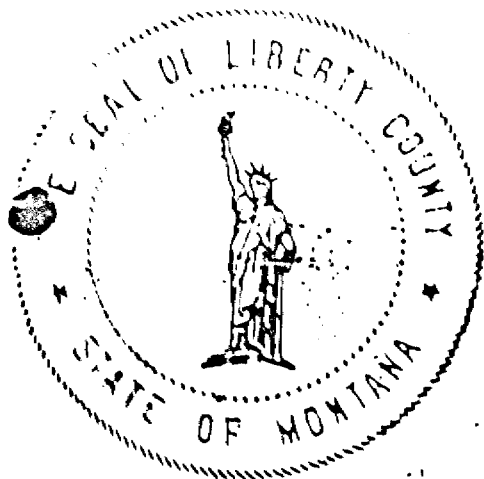
PHONE: 236-8811

REPRESENTING WHOM? A. L. S. S.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: A. L. S. S.

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:



COUNTY OF LIBERTY

STATE OF MONTANA
CHESTER, MONTANA 59522

March 17, 1975

TROY W. LAKEY

Chairman

ORVAL L. BRAIN

LARRY D. ANDERSON

Commissioners

DORA HEIMBIGNER

Clerk & Recorder

ALMA SOPER

Deputy

PH. 406-334-3841

Honorable Senator Kolstad
Helena, Montana

Dear Senator Kolstad,

We, the undersigned employee's of the Liberty County Road Department
urge your support for HB 583.

William Schmitz

Chester, Mont.

Harold Heimburger Jr.

Chester Mont.

Robert C. Ottum

Chester Mont.

Allen C. Petersen

Chester Mont.

NAME C. L. Hammond

Bill # 583

ADDRESS 600 W. Cooke St., Helena, MT 59601

Date 5-1-77

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? AFSCME, AFL-CIO

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE XX AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments: Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Local Government Committee.

Montana has a long and, I believe, a proud history of adherence to the eight hour day.

That history began at the Constitutional Convention of 1889 when delegates of the State of Deer Lodge rose to support a provision for including the eight hour day in the first constitution of this state. Toole said and I quote:

I think it is a wrong state of affairs when men who are compelled to work are made to work ten, twelve and fourteen hours a day. They are the backbone of people who advance in this world and who should have the time and opportunity to read and keep pace with the times and cultivate their mind to fit them for the higher things of life. The State would be better for it, the community at large would be better for it. Unquote.

Like words from back in history and the Constitutional Convention then voted to limit the work day to eight hours for all state, county and municipal employees. That same eight-hour day was extended to all industries or occupations in the 1903 Constitution and was slightly amended both in 1911 and 1912, without changing the thrust of the section.

It has been the public policy of this state, reiterated again and again by the voters since Montana became a state.

Today we consider House Bill 583 which institutes for some unfathomable reason a ten-hour day for employees of county highway departments.

The central point about the eight hour day -- a point that the bill entirely overlooks -- is essentially a point about the safety of the worker. We know from long and sad experience with sweatshops and speedups what happens to a worker when fatigue sets in. His work gets sloppy; he is a danger both to himself and to those he works with.

This bill addresses specifically the work of highways crews. That is hard, physically demanding work and dangerous in itself even at eight hours. At ten hours the hazard would be greatly increased.

March 18, 1937

Now, certainly in Montana law, and in the Constitution passed a little more than two years ago, there is ample provision for workers when the public welfare demands it. In winter, highway workers seemingly endlessly to keep roads open and clear of ice and snow. We admit the compelling public need there.

But where is the compelling need of a regular ten-hour day? We see no need at all - much less a compelling need.

Of those who would argue that a ten-hour, four-day workweek would create more jobs, it must be asked about the source of revenue to pay the added workers. We've stood and listened to cities and counties beset by the fact that they may not have enough revenue to meet their responsibilities. So it occurs to us that, in rising in opposition to House Bill 583, we are rising to cut down expenditures for counties.

But that is not the reason we rise, we do so because the eight-hour day is enough. It is right. It has been affirmed as this state's policy over and over again. We don't believe it should be changed -- now or in the foreseeable future -- and ask the committee to disapprove House Bill 583.

NAME:

Raymond Palmer

DATE:

3-18-75

ADDRESS:

Shirley St. Home

PHONE:

395-4221

REPRESENTING WHOM?

Hill Co

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

HB 583

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

Yes

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

very important to the operation of

Co Road & Bridge division as the taxpayers

of my Co.

NAME: Sammy Anderson DATE: 3-18-75

ADDRESS: Chickadee Manor

PHONE: 331-2662

REPRESENTING WHOM? Voluntary County

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 11B 5-8-3

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

DISPOSITION OF BILLS:

House Bill 245: Senator Watt made a motion to amend HB 245 as follows:

Amend page 8, section 5, line 5.

Following: "of"

Strike: "July"

Insert: "January"

Seconded by Senator Goodover. Motion carried

Senator Story made a motion that HB 245 AS AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN. Seconded by Senator Goodover. Motion carried.

House Bill 638: Senator Goodover made a motion that HB 638 BE CONCURRED IN. Seconded by Senator Thiessen. Motion carried.

House Bill 635: Senator Story made a motion that HB 635 be amended as follows:

Amend page 3, section 1, line 23.

Following: line 23

Insert: "(6) No elected official shall be subjected to procedures of this act more than once per term."

Seconded by Senator Thiessen. Motion carried.

Senator Thiessen made a motion that HB 635 be amended as follows:

Amend page 2, section 1, line 23.

Following: "shall"

Strike: lines 23 through line 1, page 3

Insert: "set a date for holding the election at the next regular primary or general election."

Seconded by Senator Goodover. Motion carried.

Senator Cetrone made a motion that HB 635 AS AMENDED, BE NOT CONCURRED IN. Seconded by Senator Story.

Senator Thiessen made a substitute motion that HB 635 AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN. Seconded by Senator Goodover. Motion carried.

House Bill 583: Senator Cetrone made a motion that HB 583 BE NOT CONCURRED IN. Seconded by Senator Watt.

Senator Story made a substitute motion that HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN. Seconded by Senator McCallum. No vote taken.

Seconded by Senator McCallum. Motion defeated.

Motion by Senator Cetrone from March 15 was voted on and passed. HB 143 BE CONCURRED IN.

House Bill 284: Senator Goodover made a motion that HB 284 BE NOT CONCURRED IN. Seconded by Senator Cetrone. Motion carried.

House Bill 583: Senator McCallum made a motion that HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN. Seconded by Senator Thiessen.

Senator Cetrone made a substitute motion that HB 583 BE AMENDED as follows: Amend page 2, section 1, line 7. Following "or" insert "with" and after "representative" insert "whenever there is one". Seconded by Senator Romney. Motion defeated.

There was a motion made March 19, 1975, by Senator Cetrone that HB 583 BE NOT CONCURRED IN which was seconded by Senator Watt.

There was a substitute motion that HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN by Senator Story on March 19, 1975, which was seconded by Senator McCallum.

The motion by Senators Story and McCallum was voted on that HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried.

House Bill 254: Senator Cetrone made a motion that HB 254 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Seconded by Senator Murphy. Motion carried. Amendments are as follows:

Amend title, page 6.
Following: "CITY"
Insert: "or county"

Amend page 1, section 1, line 15.
Following: "cities"
Insert: "or counties"

Amend page 1, section 1, line 24.
Following: "city"
Insert: "or county"

Amend page 2, section 1, line 6.
Following: "city"
Insert: "or county"

Amend page 2, section 1, line 13.
Following: "HIGHWAYS"
Insert: "in addition to any funds currently being allocated to cities or counties"

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 20

1975

PPRESIDENT

MR. _____

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

We, your committee on _____

HOUSE

583

having had under consideration _____

Bill No. _____

HOUSE

Respectfully report as follows: That _____

Bill No. _____

583

BE CONSIDERED IN

SENIOR COMMITTEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Date March 15, 1975 Bill No. 243 Time 1:30

NAME	YES	NO
W. E. GETTONE, VICE CHAIRMAN		
TERRY MURPHY		
CORNIE R. THIESSEN		
ROBERT D. WATT		
PAT M. GOODOVER		
GEORGE McCALLUM		
PETER STORY		
MILES POMNEY, CHAIRMAN		

James Egan
Secretary

Miles Romney
Chairman

Motion: Recommendation - page 2 line 7
motion by Robert Watt seconded
Motion defeated

(include enough information on motion—put with yellow copy of committee report.)

SEWIE COMMITTEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On 11/11/75 Bill No. 11 Title 11

NAME	YES	NO
V. EL CETRONE, VICE CHAIRMAN		
TERRY MURPHY		
CORNIE R. THIESSEN		
ROBERT D. WATT		
PAT M. GOODOVER		
GEORGE McCALLUM		
PETER STORY		
WILHELM ROONEY, CHAIRMAN		

Marianne Linn
Secretary

Wilhelm Rooney
Chairman

Motion: to be taken up and
discussed by Story & McCallum
motion carried

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 583

INTRODUCED BY AAGESON, SIVERTSEN, MANUEL, UNDERDAL,
GWYNN, HELMBRECHT, SCHYE, ELLISON, LIEN

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courthouses of sixth and seventh class counties, engineers,
firemen, caretakers, custodians and laborers employed in or
about any buildings, works, or grounds used or occupied for
any purpose by any municipal, county, or state governments,
school districts of first class, and in mills and smelters
for the treatment of ores, and in underground mines, and in
the washing, reducing and treatment of coal; except in cases

of emergency when life or property are in imminent danger.
Provided, that for fire fighters in cities of the first and
second class, a work week shall be a period of a maximum of
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county commissioners may, with the approval of the employees
or their duly constituted representative, establish a forty
(40) hour work week consisting of four (4) ~~consecutive~~
CONSECUTIVE ten (10) hour days. NO EMPLOYEE SHALL BE
REQUIRED TO WORK IN EXCESS OF EIGHT (8) HOURS IN ANY ONE (1)
WORK DAY IF THEY PREFER NOT TO."

-End-

REFERENCE BILL